

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

DESCRIPTION

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and HOME Investment Partnership Grant (HOME) program are federal grants administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These grants are awarded to qualifying localities, known as entitlement communities, on an annual basis in accordance with a prescribed formula. The CDBG is authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Act of 1974, as amended. The program was established from the following programs: Open Space, Urban Renewal, Neighborhood Development Program Grants, Model Cities Supplemental Grants, Historic Preservation Grants, Public Facilities Grants, Neighborhood Facilities Grants, and Water and Sewer Grants. Program funds may be used for the following: public administration, public service, public improvements, housing, and economic development activities. Eligible activities and services are awarded funds on an individual and area-wide basis.

The overall objective of the program is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities primarily for low and moderate-income persons.

The HOME Program was authorized by Title II of the National Affordable Housing Act. The primary

purpose of the program is the expansion of the supply of decent, affordable housing for low and very low-income families and individuals. In addition, the program was established to build the capacity for states and localities to carry out affordable housing programs and provide for coordinated assistance to participants. Program funds may be used for the following activities: new housing construction, housing rehabilitation, home ownership opportunities, and rental rehabilitation. The county has demonstrated a need for these activities and has been extremely successful in creating innovative ways to utilize these and other available resources.

Chesterfield began to receive CDBG funds in 1992 and HOME funds in 1995. Prior to the receipt of these funds, the county identified the needs of eligible areas. The county has identified the following housing and community development priorities: revitalization and preservation of existing neighborhoods; rehabilitation of substandard housing; encouragement of homeownership for low and moderate income persons; physical, economical; and social development of neighborhoods; improvement of infrastructure conditions; and enhancement of public services for very low, low, and moderate income persons.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

			FY2004		Change			
	FY2002	FY2003	Biennial	FY2004	FY2003 to	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007
	Actual	Adopted	Planned	Adopted	FY2004	Projected*	Projected*	Projected*
Administration		\$284,383		\$302,500	6.4%			
Code Enforcement		114,000		117,000	2.6%			
Economic Development		485,000		430,000	-11.3%			
Housing		643,000		563,000	-12.4%			
Public Facilities/Improvements		150,248		330,000	119.6%			
Public Service		213,287		226,800	6.3%			
Unallocated		<u>\$82</u>		<u>\$81,200</u>	N/A			
Total	\$1,730,991	\$1,890,000	\$1,870,000	\$2,050,500	8.5%	\$2,050,500	\$2,050,500	\$2,050,500
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*Allocation of funds among categories will be determined during future budget deliberations.

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BUDGET ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION

The county's Block Grant program receives projects and proposals from public and private agencies and organizations that include neighborhood, community, and not-for-profit organizations. The Board of Supervisors grants funding after considering recommendations provided by a citizen

participation group, county administration, and two public hearings. The previous chart reflects the FY2004 breakdown of the various categories, while the following is a list of the projects approved by the Board of Supervisors.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>FY04 Adopted</u>
Ampthill Seniors Program	6,000
Bensley Community Center Operations	51,300
Bensley Elementary Extended Day	8,000
Bermuda Run Resource Center	5,000
Boys & Girls Club	20,000
Business Revitalization Coordinator	70,000
Camp Baker Residential Retreat	30,000
CDBG - Emergency Home Repair	15,000
CDBG Administration	302,500
CDBG - Lead Based Paint Program	10,000
203 (K) Loan Housing Assistance	25,000
Chalkley Elementary After School Program	6,000
Chesterfield Alternatives	85,000
Children's Home of Virginia	10,000
Communities in Schools	25,000
Eastern Government Center (Better Housing Coalition)	100,000
Elder Homes Corporation	100,000
Ettrick Community Center Operations	57,500
Ettrick Small Business Office Center	40,000
Friends Association for Children	3,000
Habitat for Humanity	30,000
H.O.M.E. Downpayment Assistance	65,000
Housing Rehabilitation	228,000
Interfaith Housing Corporation	90,000
Jefferson Davis Small Business Incubator	320,000
Meals on Wheels	100,000
Planning Dept. - Code Compliance Specialist I & II	117,000
Playground ADA Compliance	15,000
Youth Programs	35,000
Unallocated	81,200 *
Total	\$2,050,500

***Funds cannot be used in Public Service or Administration categories.**

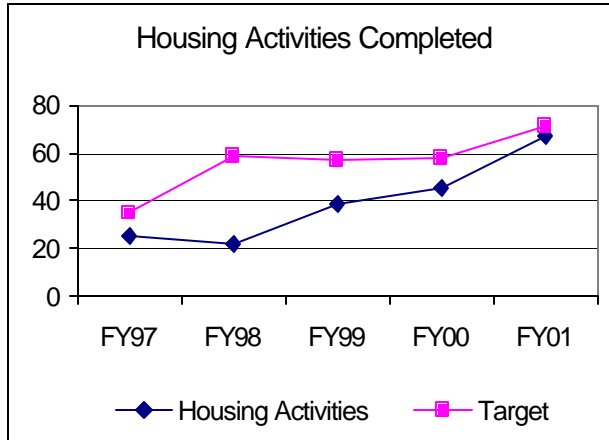
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HOW ARE WE DOING?

Goal: Provide affordable housing and affordable housing conditions for low and moderate income families. Supports countywide strategic goal numbers 1 and 3

Objective: Provide opportunities and assistance for affordable purchase and rehabilitation of housing

Measure: Number of housing activities completed



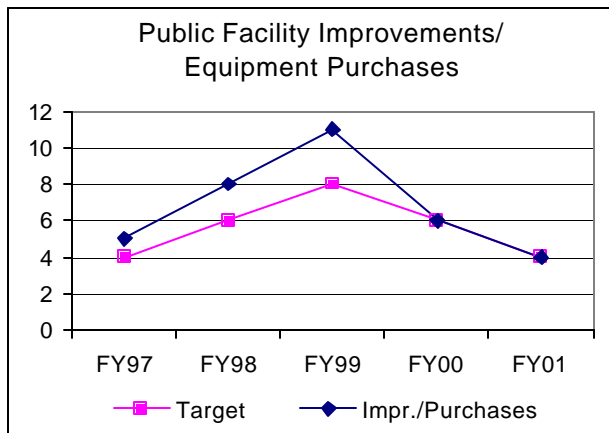
Initiatives

- Counseling services
- Downpayment Assistance Program
- Housing rehabilitation
- New construction
- Citizen Review Committee

Goal: Improve community development conditions in low and moderate income communities. Supports countywide strategic goal numbers 2, 3, and 4

Objective: Provide public facilities improvements and equipment for low to moderate income communities

Measure: Number of public facility improvements or equipment purchases completed



Initiatives

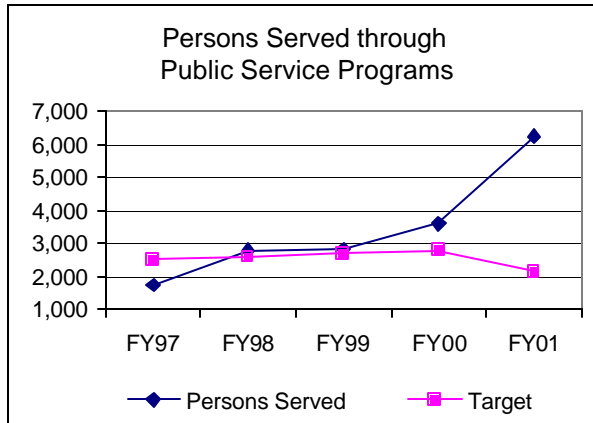
- Small Business Assistance Program
- Infrastructure improvements
- Purchase of public safety equipment
- Creation of public facilities
- Citizen Review Committee

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Goal: Improve public service opportunities in low and moderate communities. Supports countywide strategic goal number 3

Objective: Provide social, cultural, and educational activities for youth and adults

Measure: Number of persons served through public services in various programs



Initiatives

- Community Centers (Ettrick and Bensley)
- Youth and cultural activity programs
- Senior citizen programs
- Citizen Review Committee

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

The CDBG and HOME Programs will continue to be an integral component in the improvement of the living conditions for low and moderate income persons within the county. The ever-present infrastructure, housing rehabilitation, and affordable housing issues which are critical focal points for the

improvement of the neighborhoods have been underserved in the past. Addressing these issues will involve the creation of more partnerships with not-for-profit agencies. Future year projections assume level funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.